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EVERYONE MUST HAVE BOATER'S CERTIFICATE THIS YEAR

The final phase of Brianna's Law requires that ALL motorized boat operators in New York State, regardless of age, **must now have a safe boating certificate** in the boat with them.

Questions about this can be answered by listening to the very informative 14-minute interview [HERE](#).

The certificate can be earned face-to-face or via an online course. Click [HERE](#) to locate the best option for you. ▣

FISH & GAME WINTER WEEKEND

by *Bobbie-Jean Fish*

Winter Weekend is always a blast and we love keeping traditions going.

Thank you to all who came out during another North Country snowstorm! The kids had fun, we had a bonfire, and folks competed in the axe toss, frying pan toss, and chainsaw competitions. Here are the results of the competitions:

Axe Toss:

- Women's:
Bobbie Jean Fish
(for the third year)
- Men's:
Jake Myers



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"ICE-IN" CALLED FOR 2025

"Ice-in" was officially called on February 5, 2025 by the Lake George Association (LGA), when the last open areas on the lake (off Hague and between Green Island and Montcalm Point in Bolton) froze!

The criteria for "ice-in" is when one can walk from the south end of the lake to the north end without encountering large open areas of water in the middle of the lake.

For more than 100 years, the LGA has been documenting dates regarding Lake George ice such as when the lake has completely frozen over, when it has completely thawed, and the years that it has not frozen.

The earliest time the LGA has recorded the lake freezing since it started keeping records in 1908-09 was December 20, 1980.



Photo courtesy of Luke Dow Photography

Lake George has frozen completely in December only five times in the last 100+ years, with the last time being in the winter of 2008-09, when it froze on December 30th.

If you were a betting person as to when the lake would freeze, January would be your best guess, as it is fully frozen 72% of the time in January.

The lake has frozen completely fifteen times in February. The latest freeze date on record in February was on February 29, 1932.

There was one winter when the region recorded a temperature of 68 degrees on Christmas Day, shattering high temperature records that went back many years. The LGA records show that the lake also didn't freeze completely in 1919, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2012, and 2013. That translates to no "ice-in" about 10% of the years where records exist.

When the lake does freeze, it is frozen solid for an average of 76 days. The lake has been frozen for 95 days or more in 26 years. The latest year in that series was 2009, when it was frozen for 95 days.

The longest it has ever been frozen is 121 days from December 24, 1983 to April 23, 1984. ▣

SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze



Old Man Winter has been getting in the way of our activities, but we can't control that. Hopefully, March will be a better month.

We are looking forward to our first Game Night at Maureen's on **March 6, 2025 at 6:30 pm**, so come on out, get social again, and have a few laughs, which is good for the soul.

On **March 12th at 3:30 pm**, tentatively at my house, we will have "Cut Up Day," which is when we cut up food for our St. Patty's Day Celebration. The celebration will be on March 13th at 5 pm at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. The club will provide the main meal and members should bring an item to share such as a dessert, soda bread, rye bread, butter, plates, cups, napkins, candy, etc. Looking forward to seeing you at one of the club's favorite events!

Our regular meeting will be on **March 25th at 1:30 pm**, followed by Bingo and snacks. Please bring a small gift for a prize. Thank you. ▣

FISH & GAME WINTER WEEKEND, CONT'D

Frying Pan Toss:

- Kids': Grayson Hurlbert
- Women's: Mallory McDonald (for the second year)
- Men's: Brad May

Chainsaw:

- Under 80 cc: Mike Flack
- 80 cc to 100 cc: Mike Flack
- Over 100 cc: Beth Anne Ligon

The kids loved the sliding hill; thanks go to Jamer Belden! The kids could also have their faces painted by The Art Bucket and/or have a caricature painting done by Phil Singer, thanks to the Town of Hague!

Thanks to Marty Fitzgerald and Kevin Densmore for starting a new tradition — the Chicken Barbecue. Who doesn't love BBQ? And theirs was just — WOW, so good!



TOP, L to R: Grayson Hurlbert, Brad May; MIDDLE, L to R: Mike Flack, Beth Anne Ligon; BOTTOM, L to R: Salon Frasier, Grayson Hurlbert

Due to the weather, the music of Rich Ortiz and the fireworks were postponed until March 22nd when we'll have a "Cabin Fever Party," so mark your calendars! ▣

KATIE WELLS POLAR PLUNGE

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) raised \$1,200 for the University of Vermont (UVM) Children's Network at its Polar Plunge on February 23, 2025. Amy Blanchette raised \$418 herself!

We want to thank all who came out. Special thanks go to the Town of Hague, the Trout House Resort, Paradox Crafts, Lake George Lettering, Gunnison's Dance Studio, and Stewart's in Ticonderoga. We couldn't have done this without you!

We also appreciate Mike Begnoche and Dan Whitford for providing the entertainment and for announcing the event. ▣

HVFD

by Donna Trudeau



The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) ended the month of January with seven fire calls, four drills, seven EMS assists, and two standbys for a total of 35.5 volunteer hours.

EMS had 14 calls, two drills, and one standby for a total of 42.5 paid and volunteer hours. Both fire and EMS were on standby for an ice rescue and a motor vehicle accident at Schroon Lake.

We have had multiple ice rescues this year, so please be careful. Remember, no ice is safe!

We're always looking for volunteers. If you have an interest in serving in the fire department, please stop by and check us out.

The Chili Cook-off was held on Sunday, February 23rd. First place went to Donna Trudeau, second to Sara Debuque, and third to Linda Manyfeathers.

Our ambulance committee has started looking into getting a new ambulance to replace our 2003 model. It may take up to two years before we can expect delivery, so we are in the planning stages.

We recently replaced our 1988 Pierce fire truck with a 2005 Hendrickson Mobile Equipment (HME) firetruck.

We appreciate the support of everyone, which allows us, in turn, to help our community. ▣



SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE

by SAC Committee Chair Jack Bast

HAGUE TOWN HALL MEETING

All residents of Hague, Ticonderoga, and Putnam are invited to a special town hall meeting on **Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6 pm** in the Hague Community Center, where there will be a presentation of the Hague School Advisory Committee's (SAC) findings.

The program will provide up-to-date information on the academic status of the Ticonderoga Central School District (TCSD) and factors driving current and future school tax levies.

The SAC is reaching out to our joint TCSD communities with a transparent approach to garner support and ideas on how to improve academic achievement for all our students and to accomplish a fair and equitable school tax system.

We especially encourage residents who are considering running for the Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education to attend this meeting.

If unable to attend in person, interested persons can join via ZOOM [HERE](#). The meeting ID is 863 8450 7599 and the passcode is 899044.

For further information, please contact me at jackbast@nycap.rr.com.

PARENTS

The SAC is conducting a survey of parents in Hague with children who are currently enrolled (or who have recently been enrolled) in the TCSD.

Our objective is to obtain a local measure of the education being received by our Hague students. The academic survey is being conducted by mail, is strictly anonymous, and was officially due back by February 28, 2025. Parents who have not received the survey should please contact me immediately at jackbast@nycap.rr.com.

NEW MEMBERS

We are thrilled and grateful to announce the appointment of three new members to fill vacancies on our SAC: Michael Galow, Walt Lender, and John Zamrok. Welcome aboard, gentlemen! We greatly appreciate your volunteering to serve Hague and, in fact, the entire TCSD.

BOARD OF EDUCATION (BoE)

Hague needs additional representation on the BoE besides our faithful Donna Wotton. Candidates for the three open positions in the May elections must submit their qualifications and petitions to the TCSD in March.

Which Hague residents are going to step up so we can support them? The March BoE meeting is on **Tuesday, March 18th at 6 pm** in the Ticonderoga High School Cafeteria. Until we can get the BoE to stream their meetings, Hague in-person attendance is critical to demonstrate that we really are interested.

BE THERE!

HAGUE MEMORY TREE: ADDITIONAL HONOREES

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THE LGA EXPANDS THE LAKE IMPACT FUND

The Lake George Association (LGA) has announced that it is now accepting applications for grants through its Lake Impact Fund program to help replace failed septic systems on Lake George. The grants are designed to help property owners take immediate corrective action if their system has failed the Lake George Park Commission's (LGPC) septic inspection. The objective is to ensure that septic systems comply with environmental standards and keep pollution out of the lake.

In 2024, the LGA invested more than \$100,000 through the Lake Impact Fund, awarding nine wastewater improvement grants and 14 septic engineering grants to help homeowners address aging and failing systems.

"Protecting Lake George requires direct investment in solutions that address its greatest threats," says Dr. Brendan Wiltse, executive director of the Lake George Association. "The Lake Impact Fund is a prime example of how the LGA's Investment for Impact approach is making a tangible difference — helping property owners take action to safeguard water quality for future generations."

Funding for the wastewater Lake Impact Fund is made possible through the generosity of The Wright Family Foundation and support from the Lake Champlain Basin Program. As part of the fund's expansion, the LGA will launch a new stormwater grant program later this year, targeting stormwater runoff, one of the most significant threats to water quality. This initiative will provide direct support for projects that reduce runoff, protecting the lake's clarity and ecological health.

Click [HERE](#) for more information or to apply for a grant.

HAIKU

by *dl mattila*

a squirrel hunts
for buried nuts
? ? !

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/23/2025

Present: Chairman Robert Goetsch, Jon Hanna, Chris Navitsky, Tina Barth-King, Chris Richards

Also present: Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and Tony DeFranco.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

LAPOINTE (24-1-41) 9126 Graphite Mountain Road (OCII) VAR 17-24, Zoning Issue: 160-29A — Sideline setback.

The applicant is proposing a covered porch and attached garage. The porch will require a variance due to its proximity to the neighboring property, which the applicant also owns. This application remained open for further discussion but has since been withdrawn, as it was believed that no variance was required.

A motion was made and seconded to reopen the public hearing. The vote was unanimous. Barth-King questioned the necessity of a variance, citing Town Attorney Silvestri's correspondence. Kirchberger stated that the attorney determined no variance was needed, as the applicant owns both lots. Barth-King opposed issuing the permit, while Navitsky stated a variance should have been required.

A motion was made and seconded to close the public hearing and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS & REFERRALS FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

BOSCO (26.14-1-5) 28 Friends Point South (TR1) DEV 40-24, SP 09-24, Zoning Issues:160-23C(1)(g) — Development within 100 feet of the lake, **160-50B(1)(b)** — Shoreline setback, **160-52A(1)** — Wall within 50 feet of mean high water mark.

The applicant proposed a new lakeside stone patio and replacement of timber steps with stone steps. The planning board recommended approval with these conditions: native plants must be added to the shoreline buffer and the wall must not exceed four feet unless a variance is requested.

Kirchberger noted that clarification is needed on whether the "retaining wall" qualifies as a true wall.

Barth-King asked engineer DeFranco to clarify why it should not be considered a wall. DeFranco explained that the project replaces a small patio with a larger one and improves the safety of the timber steps. He added that some bouldering is necessary for stormwater control; the existing gazebo will remain; and an old patio near the lake will be removed. The project received a non-jurisdictional determination from the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC).

Navitsky requested clarification on square footage calculations and stormwater drainage provisions. Hanna asked about replacing a removed spruce tree. Barth-King inquired about house dimensions and lot coverage. Kirchberger requested a simplified lot coverage calculation sheet, which DeFranco will submit before the next meeting.

Goetsch asked if the retaining wall should be classified as a wall requiring a variance. The board agreed it does.

A motion was made and seconded to deem the application complete pending receipt of the requested information. The vote was unanimous. A site visit was scheduled for January 30, 2025, at 3 pm.

This article was written by Bobbi Bryant Taylor, editor/publisher of The Hague Chronicle, from draft notes written by Kathy Santaniello. ■

TOWN BOARD - 2/11/2025

Present: Supervisor Joshua Patchett and Board Members Jack Bast, Edna Frasier, and Lara Smith. **Also present:** RU Holmes engineers, 17 participants via ZOOM. **Absent:** Board Member Maureen Cherubini.

Public Hearings and Waste Water Variances

- **Ticknor Property:** RU Holmes Engineers presented proposals for modifying the wastewater system at 9647 Lake Shore Drive. Concerns about proximity to the home and the DOT right-of-way were noted and the board approved a holding tank option.
- **Voss Property:** Proposed wastewater system variances were reviewed for the property owned by Charles and Sheila Voss at 9665 Lake Shore Drive. Due to tight site conditions and nearby wells, further discussion was tabled until the regular meeting on 3-11-2025.

Community Concerns

Mike Rizza, president of the Cape Cod Village Corporation, read a letter clarifying his organization's position on the Jenkins Brook Sediment Pond issue. He apologized for any misunderstandings and requested that the board later discuss a potential financial contribution toward dredging. Patchett explained that the dredging topic was removed from the agenda due to the content of previous communications.

Financial and Administrative Actions

- A January warrant totaling \$54,497.11 was approved to cover expenses across several departments.
- Previous meeting minutes were approved and updates on the annual financial report were provided with special thanks extended to the highway crew for its extra efforts after recent storms.

Committee and Personnel Updates

- **Historical Society and Community Enhancements** Ginger Henry Kuenzel, president of the Hague Historical Society, emphasized the need for cemetery maintenance and proposed expanding the community center to include an official Hague Town Museum.
- **Town Clerk Office** Staffing changes were noted, including the resignation of Alicia Coon as Deputy Town Clerk and the appointment of Sandy Swanson as replacement. A temporary receptionist is being sought for county tax season.

TOWN BOARD REPORT, CONT'D

• School Advisory Committee (SAC)

Three new SAC members were introduced. The committee is conducting a survey of local parents regarding the Ticonderoga Central School District and is planning a town hall on March 13, 2025 to discuss academic performance, tax issues, and potential representation on the Board of Education.

New Appointments and Resolutions

• Appointments

Patricia Hintze was appointed Boat Launch Manager for 2025. School Advisory Committee (SAC) members Beth Barton-Navitsky and Linda Fusco were approved to attend a summer

conference in Lake Placid.

• Resolutions

- AED warranty was extended for three years at a cost of \$500.
- The audit of the 2024 Hague Town Books was confirmed.
- The highway superintendent was granted authority to offer personal/vacation days during winter storms and to transition to an eight-hour workday.
- A previous approval related to the Lake Forest Acres EDU Appeals was rescinded.

This article was written by Bobbi Bryant Taylor, editor/publisher of The Hague Chronicle, from draft notes written by Hague Town Clerk Kim Coffin. ▣

LGLC HIKE-A-THON REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 3, 2025

The Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) Hike-A-Thon is a free, family-friendly event that will take place on Saturday, July 5th, with 25+ different guided groups around Lake George (or on your own, the "virtual" option), followed by a free After Party with food trucks, activities, and live music.

Hikers choose where they'd like to participate. Sites vary in levels of difficulty, from the accessible drive up Prospect Mountain to 5+-mile challenging hikes.

There will also be three water sites, including stand-up paddleboarding in Huddle Bay, kayaking in Northwest Bay, and the wooden boat Cruise-A-Thon in the south basin.

Registration will open at **10 am on Monday, March 3rd**. Many sites fill up within the first hour!

Everyone who signs up by April 1st will receive a free event t-shirt.

Information about available sites, how to volunteer, how to sponsor the event how to make donations, and details on the After Party can be found [HERE](#).

The Hike-A-Thon is, and always has been, free. The LGLC has an incredibly supportive community and has heard from some that they'd like to support



the event even more. So, to donate or to ask friends and family to donate on your behalf, click [HERE](#) after 10 am on Monday, March 3rd.

As a thank you, the top fundraiser will get the coveted seat riding in the helicopter during this year's Hike-A-Thon! ▣

LGA PODCASTS

The Lake George Association's (LGA) Lake Protectors podcasts feature conversations with environmentalists, local leaders, and community members who share their insights on conservation efforts, water quality, and sustainable practices.

In the most recent episode, Dr. Brendan Wiltse, the new executive director of the LGA, shares his background and his vision for the lake and the LGA. Emphasizing the LGA's Science to Solutions approach, he focuses on bridging the gap between research and actionable environmental protection strategies.

Click [HERE](#) to listen to this and other recent LGA podcasts. ▣

LGLC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR SUMMER EXPO BOOTH

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is looking for volunteers to help staff its booth at the Adirondack Sports Summer Expo in Saratoga. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about it.

The Expo is on **Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, March 23rd from 10 am to 4 pm.**

Volunteers will work in pairs during two-to three-hour shifts and will share information about trails and events, as well as the work of the LGLC.

Click [HERE](#) for more information. ▣

TICONDEROGA END OF WINTER CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

- **11 to 11:45 am:** *Vestopiahoops* at the Ticonderoga Armory — *Circus with Sammy*. Performers will put on a show and teach the audience how to use circus hoops and spinning plates and how to do scarf dancing.
- **12 to 2 pm:** Fun for Kids at the Ticonderoga Armory - carnival games, prizes, food, a bounce house, full face art, caricatures, music, giveaways, and more.

Lunch will be available for purchase at the Buena Comida taco truck (cash or Venmo only).

- **2 to 4 pm:** Community Skate at the Ticonderoga Skating Rink. Beginner's skating lessons from 2 to 3 pm by Hope Carroll. Open skate from 3 to 4 pm. A limited supply of ice skates will be available. Adult supervision required. Weather permitting.
- **5 pm** (doors open at 4:30 pm): Family Movie Night at the Community Building — *The Emoji Movie*. Popcorn provided. Adult supervision required.
- **7:30 pm:** Campfire and S'mores at the Fishing Pier in Bicentennial Park.
- **8 pm:** Fireworks at Bicentennial Park!

For more information, visit www.timainstreet.org or www.ticonderogany.com. ▣



Photo courtesy of Luke Dow Photography

SILVER BAY JOB FAIR

Silver Bay will host its first job fair from **10 am to 2 pm on March 18, 2025**, in Gullen Lounge.



Silver Bay has partnered with the Department of Labor, Bolton Chamber of Commerce, Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce, Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce to put on this job fair.

The following organizations, along with other area businesses, will have tables at the fair: Warren County Court Systems; the US Army; Vacasa Vacation Rental Management; The Adirondack Experience; Wiawaka Center for Women; Community, Work, and Independence (CWINC); Paradox Brewery; The Sagamore; and the Lake George Steamboat Company.

Businesses interested in having a table at the fair and job applicants should register [HERE](#). For more information, contact Glen Feulner at gfeulner@silverbay.org. ▣

LGLC GUIDED HWA WALK

On **March 8, 2025, from 10 am to 12 pm**, there will be a guided Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) walk at the Buck Mountain Trailhead in Fort Ann.



Participants will learn about this invasive pest, how to identify it and its host tree, and how to help monitor and report findings. This HWA Monitoring Weekend event is presented in partnership with APIPP and the Lake George Association. Read more about or [RSVP HERE](#). ▣

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AT SILVER BAY

The Spiritual Life Center at Silver Bay YMCA is offering GriefShare, a support group that provides a safe and compassionate space for those navigating the difficult journey of grief. The group is meeting every **Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 pm through May 20, 2025**, at the Dance Studio in Fisher Gymnasium.

GriefShare is a nationally-recognized program designed to support individuals dealing with loss. Each week, participants watch a 30-minute video addressing different aspects of grief. These insightful videos are followed by group discussions, offering an opportunity to connect with others, share personal experiences, and learn practical tools for coping with grief.

This free support group is open to anyone in the community as well as Silver Bay staff and members.

For additional information, call 518-543-8575. To register, click [HERE](#).



HAGUE SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Grade 1: High Honors – Marlee Diskin and Charleigh McLaughlin

Grade 5: Honors – Traeh Andersen and Liam Scoville

Grade 6: 100 Club and High Honors – Noah Mydlarz and Maddison Smith

Grade 7: First Honors – Marcelo Maltese

Grade 8: First Honors – Elena DeFranco

Grade 9: First Honors – Wyatt Barnes and James DeFranco

Grade 10: First Honors – Brady Mydlarz and Kaiden Smith
Second Honors – Breyton Andersen, Zebulon Denno, and Miya Savage

Grade 11: Second Honors – Brady Kennedy

Grade 12: First Honors – Alyssa Mydlarz

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel, president

The Hague Historical Society continues to research the site across from the Hague Town Park, which has been the location of several hotels, cabins, and taverns over the past two centuries. The most famous was The Cave, located in the basement of the Beachside Hotel.

Many of us have fond memories of long evenings spent there, either as customers or bartenders. When I mention The Cave to people of a certain age, I am often greeted with a smile and a story, which start out with lines such as these: "I know I spent a lot of time there. But for the life of me, I can't remember any of it."

"Sure, I could tell you many a tale of things that went on there. But then I'd probably have to leave town and sign up for the witness protection program."

"I recall – with some fuzziness – when a member of the Hells Angels drove his bike down the ramp and ran right over one young lady's foot. She yelled, but didn't let it distract her from her foosball game."

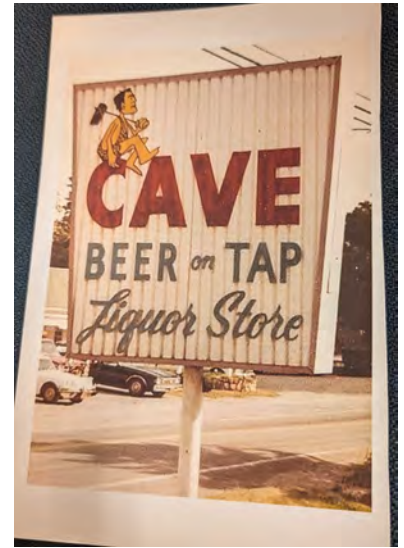
When I asked that "young lady" recently about the veracity of this tale, she said she had no recollection of it. She did add, however, that she and her friends were drinking Alabama Slammers that night, which could have something to do with her memory lapse. It seems odd that she could tell me exactly what cocktail she was downing on a night more than four decades ago, but drew a blank about having her foot flattened under the front wheel of a motorcycle. I didn't ask who won the foosball game.

Do you have a story to tell? Send an email to haguehistorical@gmail.com and be a part of this fun project. Or, post it on the Hague Historical Society's Facebook page, where you can also read some of the other stories.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- **Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 7 pm, Show & Tell:** Bring along a photo, document, or object to share. Maybe you have a story to tell or maybe you want to ask other attendees if they know anything about your find. In the past, people have brought in a wide range of "conversation pieces." And even if you don't have anything to share, come see what treasures other people have found in their home. This is the perfect antidote for cabin fever.
- **Wednesday, June 25th at 7 pm, annual meeting and presentation:** Join us for a presentation about the more than 200-year history of The Cave site.

Be sure to check out our website at www.haguehistorical.com, which has many recent additions about the old hotels, the schools of the 19th and early 20th century, interviews with prominent Hague residents, and much more. And if you are into social media, follow us on Facebook and join the lively conversations taking place there. ■



LOOKING BACK

by Hague Historical Society Board Members
Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young



HAGUE'S LONG QUEST FOR A PROPER MUSEUM

The idea of having a town museum with adequate space to display our town's rich history — through permanent as well as temporary exhibits — has long been on the minds of townspeople and our town government. This month, we take a look back at reports in *The Hague Chronicle* from 50 years ago, when the idea for a town museum was first being discussed.

The Hague Chronicle, February 1975

SITE FOR TOWN LIBRARY OFFERED

Irving Fitzgerald, a life-long resident, has presented a letter to the Town Board offering a parcel of ground as a site for a public library. The offer is being made in recognition of the Bicentennial year during which many towns and villages are undertaking various projects.

The parcel of land is located directly across from the Hague Brook, opposite the Hague Post Office and Hague Supermarket, including a necessary right of way across the brook. Conditions attached to the gift are: If the property, for any reason, ceases to be used as a library, title would revert to the donor; plans for the building will be subject to review and approval of the donor; no motor vehicles will be permitted on the premises (a foot bridge would be constructed over the brook); a majority of the townspeople support the project.

It is anticipated the building would also house a museum, etc., to be maintained by the Historical Society.

Both the Town Board and members of the Historical Society are enthusiastic about the proposal and are hopeful that the support of the townspeople can be obtained.

The Hague Chronicle excerpts - March 1975

THE BI-CENTENNIAL

Interest in the Bi-Centennial was stirred by the offer of a plot of ground on which to construct a town library and historical

museum. At its February meeting the Town Board authorized the supervisor to obtain a sketch of a suitable building with some indication as to costs of construction.

A project of this magnitude is beyond the capacity of the Committee. If it is to be pursued, it will have to be taken over by the Town Board. It would be helpful if you made known your feelings to that body.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

About twenty members and guests attended the meeting of the Hague Historical Society February 19.

Mr. DeLarm was present and had with him a rough sketch of a building designed to house both a town library and historical museum on the property offered to the town by Mr. Fitzgerald. The proposed building measures 71' x 32' or approximately 2200 square feet. The architect estimated that it could be built for about \$35 - \$40 a square foot or about \$80,000 - \$90,000. Furnishings, etc. would bring the cost to approximately \$100,000.

Although many inquiries have been made, Mr. DeLarm has been unsuccessful in finding available revenues under any Federal or State grants. If the town were to finance such a project, it could be done through a 20-year bond — issue which would require a payment on principal of \$5,000 annually, plus interest.

IN APRIL 1975:

Supervisor DeLarm announced he would appoint a committee consisting of six members of the community to determine whether there is a need for a library.

JUNE 1975:

A proposal to construct a library and historical museum was discussed at considerable length at public hearings. If a referendum is lawful, it could be held election day (Nov.).

JULY 1975:

In May a report by the Library Committee was read at the Town Board meeting. A substantial majority was in favor of building a library – museum. The Town Board indicated it would give the matter further study.

DECEMBER 1975:

The Library – Museum proposal was tabled. There the matter was left. ■

THE IDEA OF A PROPER TOWN MUSEUM IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL

by the Board of the Hague Historical Society

At its monthly meeting in February of this year (2025), the Hague Historical Society board discussed the fact that today, 50 years after the idea of a proper museum for Hague was first floated, the need has not diminished.

Residents and visitors alike can learn about Hague's rich history through the stories, photos, and artifacts in the collections.

The current museum room in the community center, however, does not have the space needed to display the vast array of historical objects and photos donated by townspeople over the years. It is also not easy for visitors to find, as it is in the midst of the town offices.

The board discussed the idea of building an addition to the community center off the large community room. In addition to providing space for historical exhibits, it could also serve as a library, stocked with the many books that currently fill the lobby.

As the town looks toward its future and updates the Hague Comprehensive Plan, the idea of a museum/library space could be part of that plan. ■

TI ARTS GALLERY

A new show, *Pieced Together: Collages and Books* by JoAnn Johnson and Ellen Santasiero, will open at the Ti Arts Downtown Gallery on **March 6, 2025**, with an opening reception on **Friday, March 7th from 5 to 7 pm**. The show will be open until March 29th.

Gallery hours are 10 am - 4 pm, Thursday through Saturday. The gallery is located at 119 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga.

Ellen Santasiero's visual art has appeared in 7x7.la HERE and thestayproject.com HERE and in the Lapham Gallery and the North Country Arts Gallery in Glens Falls. Ellen builds her mixed-media collages intuitively, but she particularly loves to incorporate movement, texture, and high contrast into the works. The final touch is to make sure she's created a pleasing composition. Ellen is also a writer and creative writing teacher at The Forge Creative Writing Program. You can read more about the program HERE. She lives on the southern edge of Adirondack Park and can be found on Instagram at @ellensantasiero.

Jo Johnson's pieces in this show were inspired, in part, by reading about Mary Delany (*Mrs. Delany, Her Life and Her Flowers* by Ruth Hayden). She was a woman living in England and Ireland in the 18th century, who, between the age of 73 and 82, created nearly 1,000 pictures of flowers made by painting, cutting, and pasting hundreds of pieces of paper in a technique she called "paper mosaic." Johnson calls her work "collages." Like Mrs. Delaney, her collages grew from her love of flowers and the beauty of nature. Johnson's work is also influenced by her desire to recycle and repurpose bits of paper and cardboard.



L to R: Jo Johnson; Ellen Santasiero

Johnson lives in Gansevoort and has shown her work locally and, on occasion, nationally. Her work can be found on Instagram HERE or you can visit her studio at the Shirt Factory in Glens Falls. Johnson is a member of the Guild of Adirondack Artists, LARAC, North Country Arts, Saratoga Arts, and the Upper Hudson Valley Watercolor Society.

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PLANETARIUM PROGRAM — THE SPRING SKY: A LOOK INTO DEEP SPACE

On **Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 3 pm**, Joe Defayette, the Ticonderoga Junior/Senior High School earth science teacher, will present *The Spring Sky: A Look into Deep Space*. The program will preview celestial events, including constellations, that will appear in the spring Adirondack sky from March 23rd through June 20th. It will also feature planetary highlights and a special planetarium feature that singles out stars in deep space. The presentation will include sky chart handouts and a schedule of special viewing events.

Spring is an exciting time to stargaze as the days are longer and the weather is more cooperative than in winter.



The planetarium show will be held at the Ticonderoga Junior/Senior High School at 5 Calkins Place, Ticonderoga. Space is limited. To register, send an email to lindafuscophd@gmail.com or call/text 914-380-2130. Please include the number of people you are planning on bringing, your email address, and your phone number. ■

MASON STAR DINNER

A chicken and biscuits dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A. M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be open to the public on **Monday, March 24, 2025, from 4:30 to 6 pm** at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years old and under, and will be available at the door. Parking will be along Montcalm Street and in the Hancock House parking lot. ■

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CALENDAR

March 2025

MARCH

1		The March issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> is published	13	6 pm	SAC Town Hall meeting
		Exemption Application Deadline	17		ST. PATRICK'S DAY
	11 am – 8:30 pm	Ti End of Winter Carnival	18	10 am – 2 pm	Silver Bay Job Fair
3	10 am EST	Hike-A-Thon registration opens		6 pm	TCSD BoE Meeting
4	6:30 – 8 pm	GriefShare meeting		6:30 – 8 pm	GriefShare meeting
6		Johnson and Santasiero show opens at Ti Arts		7 pm	HHS Show and Tell
	6 pm	Hague Planning Board Meeting	20	6 pm	<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> deadline for the April issue
7	5 – 7 pm	Opening Reception at Ti Arts	23	3 pm	The Spring Sky program
8	10 am – 12 pm	LGLC HWA Walk	25	1:30 pm	Seniors Meeting
9		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS		6:30 – 8 pm	GriefShare meeting
11	6 pm	Hague Town Board Meeting	27	6 pm	Hague Zoning Board of Appeals meeting
	6:30 – 8 pm	GriefShare meeting			

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm